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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masayuki TAKENAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3632

Application No.: 10/714,642

Examiner: T. LE

Filed: November 18, 2003

Docket No.: 117215

For: VIBRATION PROOF DEVICE FOR CONTROL UNITS OF ELECTRIC DRIVE
UNITS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 10, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants assert that the May 26, 2006 Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2006.

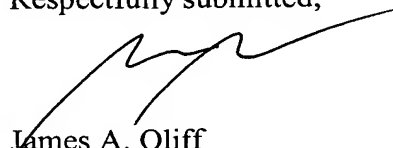
The Notice states that Applicants did not provide an argument or arguments pointing out disagreements with the Examiner's contentions. As discussed with the Examiner, the argument refers to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's analysis. In the January 26, 2006 Office Action, claim 17 (which depends directly from independent claim 1) was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. In the May 26, 2006 Amendment, the allowable subject matter of claim 17 was incorporated into independent claim 1. By incorporating the allowable subject matter into independent claim 1, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is rendered moot as noted in the May 26, 2006 Amendment. Applicants have thus satisfied 37

C.F.R. §1.111(b). Applicants note that 37 C.F.R. §1.111(c) applies to reexamination and is thus irrelevant to this application.

It is requested that Applicants' May 26, 2006 Amendment be entered and considered fully responsive to the January 26, 2006 Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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